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All Gents 25c grey Merino Underwear at 12 1/2c.

All Gents 50c grey Merino Underwear at 35c.

All Gents 35 and 40c all wool Socks at 25c.

All Gents 25c (seamless) all wool Socks at 15c.

All Gents \$1.50 Camel's Hair and Scarlet Underwear at \$1.

Ladies' 50c white Merino Underwear at 40c.

Ladies' 75c do at 50c.

Ladies' \$1 fine all wool scarlet, silk bound, at 65c.

Ladies' \$1.50 do at \$1.

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Children's 25 to 35c all wool seamless hose at 20c.

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Children's 60c to \$1 French ribbed and fine cashmere Hosiery, all colors and black, at 50c a pair.

Men's Cardigan Jackets, 75c and \$1.

Men's fine all wool hand-knit Cardigan Jackets at \$1.50 and \$2, worth \$3, \$4 and \$5 each.

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Do us the honor and yourselves the justice of inspecting the above before you pass judgment. It costs nothing to learn our prices.

Popular New York Store

Closing Out Sale,

WATER ST., DECATUR.

BLOODSHED PROBABLE.

The Town of Traverse, Dakota. Taken Possession of by an Armed Mob.

The Sheriff Covered by Winchester Rifles While the County Records are Sacked and the Safe Carried Away.

A Return of the Mob Expected, and a Bloody Welcome Being Prepared by Citizens.

TRAVERSE CITY, D. T., December 21.—

This city was thrown into a most intense state of excitement at an early hour this morning, and all day long the greatest confusion has prevailed. About seven o'clock this morning, while many of the inhabitants of the place were asleep, a mob of men, fully one hundred, most of whom came from Wilmot, a small town in the Southern portion of the county, invaded the town. The men entered the town and placed guards at the end of every street, armed with Winchester rifles, thus heading off people from going or coming. After this the remainder of the mob went to the Court-house, broke the doors down and went through each and every office, helping themselves to papers, documents and valuables, scattering and destroying what they didn't want. They also carried away the safe. The mob destroyed a great deal of property, public and private, and helped themselves to what they wanted, and after accomplishing what had been mapped out, left.

Sheriff Cummings made an effort to resist the men, but they were determined, and he was ordered to remain quiet, and at the same time a line display of Winchester rifles were placed on exhibition, especially for his benefit. A number of Traverse men left their homes with the intention of assisting the Sheriff in quieting the disturbance, but further considering the situation, became convinced that prudence at that particular juncture was the wiser policy. The Sheriff and his friends remained under cover of the Court-house, in the hands of the numerous-looking men, who had by this time imbibed most liberally of bad whisky. Many of the mob were very drunk, and had grown boisterous as well as dangerous.

THE MOB MOVES AWAY.

The mob remained about an hour, then left with the county safe and all the private property they could find. The inside of the Court-house is a total wreck. The business men of Wilmot led the mob, and gathered the lower elements of the county, mostly foreigners. The United States mail carrier was stopped and the mail overhauled. The department has been notified. The safe contained no valuable records and papers. The mob destroyed a large number of papers, among which were several hundred chattel mortgages, which will be a great loss to the mortgagees. All other county records are safe, the County Clerk having removed them from the Court-house. Notice was posted on the Court-house door to-day to the effect that the records were safe, and business would be transacted as usual.

BLOODSHED PROBABLE.

The excitement has by no means abated, though the hostile intentions of the Wilmot mob have been somewhat retarded by the fearful blizzard that has prevailed. In their almost defenseless position the citizens of Traverse appealed to Governor Pierce for troops and protection, but no reply has been received from him. After capturing the safe the mob were furiously exasperated at finding it contained nothing, and made threats that they would burn the town and hang the county officers if the records, books and papers were not turned over to them. The whereabouts of these documents are unknown. The people of Traverse are armed to the extent of their ability, and will defend their town, aided by the citizens, who are flocking to the county seat from all parts of the county. The officials are cool and ready to meet whatever assault may be made. The delay, owing to the weather, has been valuable to them.

CAUSE OF IT ALL.

In the late elections for county seat, Wilmot won on the face of the returns, but the canvassing board threw out two towns, owing to ballot-box stuffing and fraudulent irregularity. This gave the county seat to Traverse. A mandamus was served on the board, but at the hearing before Judge Smith it was quashed. A second writ was decided in favor of Traverse. Having been defeated in the election and count the Wilmot gang determined to resort to mob force. A fight is expected in the morning.

The Situation at Latest Accounts.

TRAVERSE, D. T., December 21.—A spy just arrived from Wilmot. A conference of one hundred and fifty men was held in Mann's office at Wilmot. The chairman, standing on the top of the stolen safe, said the combination had been telegraphed for, and if not received by Sunday morning the safe would be blown open, and asked the question: "What shall we do if the books are not in the safe?" A motion was made, and carried amid cheers and howls, to go to Traverse, sack and burn every building, and hang every man found. Every man at the meeting was armed with Winchester and shot-guns. On receipt of this news the Traverse officers ordered the women and children to leave the town, and they are rapidly departing. The mob is not expected to reach here much before dark. Buildings are being barricaded, and the men are out over the county for arms and men. The force in Traverse at present is rather small for such an emergency. The men on the ground are well armed and will make a desperate fight. All the weak-kneed have been asked to leave town. None have left. Men from the northwestern part of the county are coming to the rescue, but may not get there in time.

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Our Overcoats are ripe now and ready to pick.

If you feel interested in looking through the most exquisite line of

WINTER OVERCOATS,

in all the LATEST STYLES, call at

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for honest, well-made clothing, equal to Merchant Tailoring in fit, trimmings and workmanship, we are the Leaders in the trade.

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ALLIGATOR SLIPPERS

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And many other styles of Christmas Slippers, at

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LESS THAN COST.

Trimmed Hats and Bonnets AT LESS THAN COST

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HOLIDAY SALES!

Our Annual Cheap Holiday Sale is in full blast.

Open evenings until Christmas. Everything New and Beautiful. Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Lady's Cloths, Tricots, Plaids, etc. New and handsome lines of Neckwear, Ruchings, Collars, Fichus, etc., many styles not obtainable elsewhere. Hats, Bonnets, Plumes, Tips, Birds and Fancy Feathers. Ornaments at greatly reduced prices—fully 25 per cent. less than any other establishment. Inspection invited.

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Dec 16 d&w

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LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS,

Value 25c, all linen, colored bordered, hem stitched, 10c.
Value 50c all linen, colored embroidered corners, hem-stitched, 25 cents.

Beautiful plain and fancy Handkerchiefs at 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c, up to \$1, suitable for Xmas presents. Decided bargains.

Value 50c gents' fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, 25c.

Value 65c do 50c.
Value 75c do 64c.

All \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 do at \$1.

A few very elegant fancy handkerchiefs at \$2 each, worth nearly double.

Children's Combination Skirts and Waists, knit of fine cashmere wool, worth \$1.50, at 98c.

Same in larger sizes, for misses, worth \$2, for \$1.25. Comfortable, warm and nice for children.

All ladies' winter Gloves at 25c a pair, worth double.

Ladies' very best \$1 Leggings, 75c a pair.

Misses' 75c Leggings, 50c.

" 50c " 35c.
" 40c " 25c.

KID GLOVES.

5 hook, best guaranteed quality, black and colors, \$1.25.

7 hook do \$1.50.

4 button do \$1.35.

Worth \$1.50 and \$2.

The above goods must and will be closed out, and from now until Christmas we will present each purchaser of the above with an elegant ther-bound Autograph Album, which brings the Glove down to less than half price.

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POPULAR NEW YORK STORE,

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Battan Chairs.

Parlor Chairs.

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Husk Mattresses.

(Single and Double).

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Dressing Cases.

Mirrors.

Bedsteads.

Bureaus.

And everything in the Furniture line.

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AND

HEATING STOVES

AT COST.

Remember the place:

BACHMAN BROS.

South Side City Park,

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Dec. 11-dawimo

MARRIED WITHOUT MONEY.

A Romantic and Truthful Narrative of the Frontier.

There are a good many singular incidents connected with the administration of matrimony, especially as it is dealt out by a Justice of the Peace in a young Territory. During eight years in my official capacity as general agent for substantial justice and durable wedlock, I was called upon a great many times to ladle out my blessing at so much per bless under very peculiar circumstances. I've done a noble work as a coupler and splicist. Looking back over these eight years, it seems almost like a dream. Wherever I was called to go, I cheerfully put on my overcoat and went.

I married people in the light and the dark of the moon, in the office and at home, on horseback and a-foot, young and old, tender and tough. I married them all. I was never inquisitive beyond what the statute required, and I never had any one come back to me or complain. It always seemed to give satisfaction.

The ceremony wasn't very imposing, though. I used to think sometimes that the groom was imposing—on the bride. (This is a little epigram. I have quite a number of this style which I am keeping for the holidays.)

We never had much of the orange-blossom and swallow-tail coat business in my studio. I generally invited the couple to sit on the wood-box till I got through with the simple drunks, and then we would call in the Marshal and the janitor as witnesses and proceed.

I remember, one day, a gentleman named Chilblain Henry, came in from the head of the Chug Water and brought with him a Mexican woman commonly called Beautiful Snow, Colorado Maduro. She was of a rich nut-brown color with a wonderful wealth of raven hair, which she combed whenever the sign was right, but it hadn't been right for a good while. She was dressed plainly, but neatly in an old lap-robe, caught back with safety-pins and held in place by means of a broad horse-hair cinch, which had been an heirloom in the family. She was about forty-eight years old, and I asked in a bantering tone if she had her parents' consent. She did not understand me, as she only knew a little broken cigar-box English.

Thinking perhaps she might be more familiar with the early history of her race, I asked her if she remembered Pizarro, but she only laughed and displayed her tottering ruin of a mouth.

I believe she was the most sorrowful-looking hulk I ever saw. She was rather thin in flesh, and her nose looked like the breast-bone of a sand-hill crane.

Her union with Chilblain Henry did not seem to saturate her with a great wild joy. She stood there through the imposing ceremony with her cute little Mexican feet just peeping out from under the heavy drapery of her lap-robe, and mechanically answered the legal questions propounded to her in a rich, deep and resonant tone of voice. Somehow I could not help wondering if she did not love another. Perhaps she had given her young heart to some neighboring greaser and smiled on him, perhaps, and it had thrown him into convulsions from which he never had recovered.

When I got through, Chilblain Henry saluted his bride. I had heard before that he was a very brave man. Then he invited me to ditto. I told him it might occasion talk. He said he didn't want any foolishness or funny business. He allowed that a magistrate had a right to salute the bride and it looked kind of out to waive it. He would not pay me, he said, unless I saluted the bride.

"Never mind the pay, Henry," I said, "between old friends; so it don't matter. Hand it in any time. I don't care if you never pay it; but to tell you the truth, Henry, I'm afraid to kiss Colorado Maduro. I am a man of strong impulses, and I do not dare to salute her. When I caught her in my arms I might forget my own home ties and kidnap your fair young bride and dash away with her to the mountains. I know my own failings, Henry, better than you do. It wouldn't be right, and it would certainly make talk. However, if you insist, I will give my proxy to a friend of mine, who is totally blind, and is accustomed to all kinds of horrors."

He went away with his wife, intending to come back and kill me, he said; but after I had stayed in the office behind the fireproof safe two days, with the doors locked, some friend came and told me that Henry had done the whole thing on a bet that he would get married, and that I wouldn't charge him a cent. —Bill Nye, in N. Y. Mercury.

WOMEN'S NAMES.

The Origin of Some Feminine Appellations in Common Use.

Annabella is not Anna-bella or fari Anna, but is the feminine of Hannibal, meaning gift (or grace) of Bel. Arabella is not Arabella, or beautiful altar, but Orabilia, a praying woman. In its Anglicized form of Orabel, it was much more common in the thirteenth century than at present. Maurice has nothing to do with Mauritius, or a Moor, but comes from Almaric—him-melreich—the kingdom of heaven.

Ellen is the feminine of Alain, Alan or Allan, and has no possible connection with Helen, which comes from a different language, and older by at least a thousand years. Amy is not from ames, but from amie. Avie, or Avia, does not exactly mean advice, as some seem to think. It comes from Edwis, and means happy wisdom. Eliza has no connection with Elizabeth. It is the sister of Louisa, and both are the daughters of Heloise, which is Helewis, hidden wisdom. There is indeed another form of Louisa, or rather Louise, which is the feminine of Louis, but this was scarcely heard of before the sixteenth century.

The older Heloise form of the name, Aloisa, Aloisa or Aloysa, was adopted into medieval English as Alesia—a name which our old genealogists always confuse with Alice. Emily and Amelia are not different forms of one name. Emily is from Emyllia, the name of an Etruscan gens; Amelia comes from the Gothic amala—heavenly. Reginald is not derived from Regina, and has nothing to do with a queen. It is Rem-alt—exalted purity. Alice, Adela, Adelaide, Aliza, Alix and Adeline are all forms of one name, the root of which is adel—noble. But Anne was never used as identical with Annis or Agnes (of which last the old Scottish Annas is a variety); nor, as I sturdily maintained, was Elizabeth every synonymous with Isabel. —Notes and Queries.

When you look for clothing please look for Cheap Charley, who is now at the corner of the old square. 1-dtf

UADWELL can furnish you Decatur coal on short notice. Telephone 256. oc17dtf

CHEAP CHARLEY now occupies the corner store on the Old Square. tf

POWERS & HAWORTH have decided to sell you shoes at a reduction that will surprise the most earnest free-trader. Men's \$3.00 solid calf boots for \$1.95. Every pair warranted. Nov. 21, dtf

HAVE you seen the display of Decorated Teapots and Teapot Stands at Morehouse, Wells & Co.'s? They are simply elegant.

New goods, new prices, new styles in clothing with Cheap Charley, who now occupies the corner store on the Old Square. tf

THE cheapest place in town to buy Christmas Books, Toys and Cards is at R. N. HUGHSON'S New Book Store, on East Eldorado street. n25-dtf

D. S. SHELLEBARGER & Co. will deliver to any part of the city, until further notice:

Corn, per bushel, 35c
Oats, (well cleaned), per bushel, 27c
Beans, per 100 lbs., 60c
White shorts, per 100 lbs., 80c
Corn chop, " " 80c
Nov. 22-dtf

Wedding brook.

We are just in receipt of the finest and largest supply of wedding and party invitations ever brought to Decatur. These goods are fresh from New York, and comprise the latest and most handsome style. They will be furnished to customers at the lowest possible prices.

OYSTERS served up in first-class style at KRENS', 145 East Prairie St. 22dtf

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COAL! COAL! COAL!
George Ehrhart has a full supply of Hard Coal, Soft Coal and Wood at his yard next to Shellebarger's mill on Water street. Telephone 139. 18-dtf

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!
Cord, Stove Wood and Chunks at Geo. Ehrhart's Coal and Wood Yard on Water street. Telephone 139. d18-dtf

It is no trouble to show goods at R. N. HUGHSON'S New Book Store. Stop and see the bargains in Christmas goods, any way. n25-dtf

MARCOTT'S Restaurant sets up the best 25c meals of any restaurant in the city—114 N. Water st. n21-dtf

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SMOKED AND CURED MEATS.

Hams,
Breakfast Bacon
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Bologna and Lard
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Of all kinds on hand, I kill only first-class stock. Feb197dtf.

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The neatest patterns we have ever shown.

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Skates suitable for Boys or Girls, Ladies or Gentlemen, in large variety of styles and sizes.

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The Daily Republican.

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE
In the Schools of Decatur for the Week
Ending Friday, Dec. 19, 1884.

No.	Enrolled.	Absent.	No.	Tardy.
HIGH SCHOOL.				
J. W. Gibson.....	88	30	3	8
Mary W. French.....	57	23	3	8
Minnie A. Parker.....	51	13	2	6
Mary Wilder.....	56	19	2	6
Ella Boat.....	82	30	2	6
FIRST WARD.				
Thos. L. Evans.....	19	16	9	7
Alida B. Handy.....	52	18	7	7
Sallie M. Brand.....	54	24	7	7
Clara Stare.....	80	34	12	12
A. Anna Tinkler.....	84	30	4	8
Belle Hobbs.....	119	61	4	8
SECOND WARD.				
Edwin Philbrook.....	61	19	1	0
Belle Fulton.....	64	21	1	0
Lucy Anderson.....	68	22	1	0
Anna M. Wilson.....	60	62	4	7
Mary A. Lukens.....	76	62	4	7
Anna E. Murphy.....	85	65	4	7
THIRD WARD.				
Jennie E. Duffee.....	62	21	7	6
Anna H. Jack.....	58	29	8	7
G. Anna Raymond.....	60	30	9	8
Mary C. Gregory.....	60	28	9	8
Harriet A. Davidson.....	65	19	4	9
Ellen C. Philbrook.....	72	46	9	9
FOURTH WARD.				
Rosa E. Judson.....	45	14	4	7
Mattie V. Bean.....	63	21	4	7
Anna E. Woods.....	54	59	7	6
Clara W. Bowles.....	104	69	9	9
FIFTH WARD.				
John T. Bowles.....	54	17	1	0
Mary A. Bradley.....	50	22	6	5
Sarah E. Sanderson.....	66	26	6	5
Laura Montgomery.....	81	31	10	10
JONES SCHOOL.				
Mattie H. Evans.....	13	20	6	6

An intelligent correspondent, writing from Ottawa, Canada, presents a gloomy picture of affairs and prospects in the Dominion. Emigration is not tending toward Manitoba, as was expected when the immense subsidy was granted to the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, and the debt has been growing, with little prospect of a return. The immigration from Canada to the United States is increasing, and the cause is attributable to high Canadian taxation and the growing public debt, which is nearly \$300,000,000, which is almost twice as much per capita as the debt of the United States.

JAY GOULD says: "I believe that after the 1st of January we shall begin a new era. I think that the year 1885 will be a money-making year. The balance of the trade of the world is now in our favor. Foreign nations are buying of us more than we are buying of them. They are paying us the difference in hard gold coin. Millions of this reaches us on every incoming steamer." Mr. Gould may be a little too unanimous, but such talk is a good deal better than predicting disasters.

The proceedings of the twelfth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Illinois, held at Joliet Oct. 9-12, is now ready for delivery. This is an 85 page pamphlet, containing a full account of the doings of the convention, the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Illinois, the full text of each paper and address before the convention, and is a valuable manual upon christian work. Call upon W. E. Mann, the general secretary, for a copy.

CHRISTMAS Cards of all kinds cheap at R. N. Hughson's New Book Store, East Eldorado street. n25-dtf

FINE carriage and buggy harness, plow and team harness at J. W. Tyler's new shop, northwest corner of old square. Repairing a specialty. 1-dtf

1,000 LADIES and Gentlemen wanted to examine the New Improved Roller Skate, the best rink skate made. It will cost you nothing to see them at E. C. Heese's, 257 North Main street. n15-dtf

2000 pounds of coal for \$2.00 at Geo. Ehrhart's. Telephone 139. n25-dtf

Just sixteen years ago the interest on the National debt was \$143,000,000 a year. It is now \$58,000,000.

The United States is now the foremost manufacturing Nation of the world. It is also in the lead as a producer from the soil. Protection to American labor has accomplished this, and free trade will only bring disaster and ruin.

SINCE Cleveland and Hendricks were elected quinine has gone from 86 cents per ounce to \$2. When a hundred men want a postoffice and they know only one can get it, it makes the ninety and nine pretty shaky. There is no telling how high quinine will register by March 4.

MR. BLAINE is going to Europe some time next year. He will first write a history of the war of 1812, and give a sketch of the politics of that period. He will remain in Europe for a year or two for recreation and rest. His friends say he will never himself enter politics again.

EVERYBODY knows how the sudden cessation of a thundering band of music causes remarks to be whuted out in a tone like a loco motive whistle. The other night at a hop the band crushed out a few final bars and suddenly stopped, when the voice of a lovely little thing in pink was heard screaming at the top of her lungs: "Don't my bustle hang nicely?"

A LEXTER from Polk county, Fla., says: "I wish you could see the way they vote for President down here. Take an old flour barrel, put it with the open head down against an old building, make an aperture in the other and upper head for the ballots, and let them drop on the ground. Not one solitary vote cast in this whole precinct."

GENERAL GRANT is filling two large volumes with his history of the war. After they are finished he will write another book, giving his political experiences from the surrender of Appomattox to the present time. It is said that this last book will be one of the most interesting books historically that has yet been given to the country, as it will cover an inside view of Andrew Johnson's administration, of which very little is known.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21dtf

Go to Marcott's restaurant where you can get the best meals for 25 cents—114 North Water street. n21-dtf

CALL and see the Great Bargains in Christmas Goods at R. N. Hughson's new Book Store on East Eldorado St. n25-dtf

ORDER nice, dry, bright Hard Coal of Geo. Ehrhart. Telephone 139. nov21-dtf

USE Palmes Tooth Soap, prepared by Dr. Thos. S. Hoskins & Co., Decatur, Ill. Sold by all druggists. july27dtf

A CORDIAL invitation is extended by Cheap Charley to all to inspect his new quarters, on the corner of the old square. Nov. 1—dtf

You can buy your Children's Christmas Books cheap at R. N. Hughson's new Book Store, East Eldorado St. n25-dtf

Toys of all kinds sold cheap at R. N. Hughson's New Book Store, East Eldorado street. n25-dtf

FOR A BEAUTIFUL
Christmas Present,
GET A LIGHT RUNNING
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OR
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GEO. P. BLUME,
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ELECTRIC LAMPS
Latest Improved.
A Wonder of the Age.
THE FINEST LIGHT
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WINGATE'S
LAMP STORE,
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OPERA HOUSE ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Monday Eve., Dec. 22d.

Seven Years a Brilliant Success.

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MUSICAL COMEDY CO.,
METROPOLITAN BAND AND OPERATIC ORCHESTRA.

2,558 Nights Attest the Popularity of the Renowned Favorites and King Fun Makers of all time.

The Jolly Pathfinders

Appearing in the Latest, Greatest Musical Oddity, a rattling Hall Storm of Fun, a succession of Comedy Fireworks, entitled

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The most pronounced Metropolitan Success of Every State.

It is simply immense. Watch for it. Don't miss it. Greater than ever. Imported. Swarb Operatic Orchestra and one of the very finest Uniformed Bands on the road.

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What are you laughing at?

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Why do you laugh?

Same cause!

Everybody laughs.

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Under the Management of

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Seats on sale at Curtis'.

Executors' Notice.

Estate of JOSEPH W. TROUTMAN, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed executors of the estate of Joseph W. Troutman, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby give notice that they will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the January term, 1885, on the 3rd Monday in January next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 4th day of December, 1884.
SAMUEL T. TROUTMAN,
JACOB TROUTMAN,
Dec. 4—d3w Executors.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
Macon County.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of October, 1884, Wilbert Rufus Crossman made a voluntary assignment, for the benefit of creditors, to me as Assignee, of all his property, both real and personal, under the statute of Illinois, entitled "An act concerning voluntary assignments and conferring jurisdiction therein upon county courts," and in force July 1st, 1880. The creditors of said Wilbert Rufus Crossman are hereby notified to present their claims under oath or affirmation to me, at Decatur, Illinois, within three months from this date, to wit: the 14th day of November, A. D. 1884.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1884.
ABDIEL T. RISLEY, Assignee.
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MASTER'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
COUNTY OF MACON.
Macon County Circuit Court.

Philip Ruebsamen vs. Martin Fisher et al.
No. 11,882.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that in pursuance of decretal orders entered in the above entitled cause in said Court at the May Term, A. D. 1884, and at the December Term A. D. 1884, John A. Brown, Master in Chancery for said Court, on

Saturday, January 3d, A. D. 1885,

at the hour of two o'clock p. m. of said day, shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, provided the bid be equal to the two-thirds valuation of said lot, at the west door of the Court House in Decatur, in said county, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, to-wit: Lot four (4) in Sangamon addition to the city of Decatur, Illinois, valued at \$1,000 00.

Terms of Sale.—One-half of purchase money cash in hand on day of sale, and the balance in one year, to be secured by a mortgage on the premises, with interest at six per cent; provided, that the purchaser may, if he so desire, pay all cash on day of sale.

Said sale is without redemption, and a deed will be made to the purchaser on the approval of sale by court.

Decatur, Illinois, Dec. 15th, 1884.

JOHN A. BROWN,
Master in Chancery for Macon county, Ill.
DAVID HUTCHINSON, Sol. for Compl't.
Dec. 15—d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of JOSEPH EIDLER, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Joseph Eidler, late of the County of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon County, at the court house in Decatur, at the January term, on the third Monday in January next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1884.
Dec. 9—d3w ROBERT H. WOODCOCK, Administrator.

READ! READ!!

Is there a man in this city with some money wanting a lucrative BUSINESS? Does he want the EXCLUSIVE SALE of a NECESSARY and MONEY-GETTING ART? If so, let him address J. W. WELLS, Room 2, 118 Randolph Street, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, or Room 5, PUBLIC BLOCK, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.
Dec. 15—d3w

Dry Store Wood at Geo. Ehrhart's.
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MONDAY EVE, DEC 22, 1884

The Manitoba wave has taken a fresh start, and the ice men are happy again.

The Courier Journal thinks that "Sam Randall will in 1888 bring the Republican majority in Pennsylvania up to 100,000." Of course Republicans expect all honest protectionists in line against the Democratic party of 1888.

Kentucky believes in free trade for Englishmen, but she is careful to make every commercial traveler who invades her sacred soil pay a round tax for the privilege of showing his goods to the people who wish to buy. Is that free trade or fair trade?

Mr. WATKINSON says that under Republican administration the government of the United States was not a Union but a despotism. His idea is that the government can only become a Union indeed and in truth by placing it in the hands of those who fought four years to destroy it. In other words, the disunionists were the real friends of the Union, while the soldiers of the Union were fighting to destroy it. Sapient Watkinson.

DEMOCRATS have run Ohio about two years, and nearly every leading city in the state is well nigh bankrupt, and the farmers of the various counties have seen their taxes steadily increasing under the rule of the promised "reformers." This year the taxes are about one third larger, and the State has not yet begun to pay back the \$2,000,000 to the saloons which was promised them for their support of the Democratic ticket in 1883-4.

The Nashville World thinks, with colored laborers paid at pauper prices of even less than England, "Alabama and Tennessee can make pig iron cheaper than any place in the world." It adds "Our policy is to abandon the protection league as a covenant with death to us." The gentlemanly pig iron makers don't happen to own the laborers of Alabama and Tennessee, and they may find themselves paying more for laborers in the time to come.

"It's a cold day" when Dakota fails to come forward with some sensation or other, and last week did not furnish the requisite amount of frigidity to check the ordinary current of events in the stirring territory. Only a few days ago there was a squabble over the location of a county seat, which grew so heated that the territorial militia had to be called out to quiet the disturbance. That being done, another fight of the same kind broke out in Roberts county, the contending towns being Wilmet and Traverse. The latter place came out ahead in the courts and had possession, but the people of Wilmet arose in force on Saturday, hurried over to the rival town, broke open the court house, took the records and carried them home in triumph. The end is not yet.

The Chicago Tribune is out in a strong editorial in favor of the re-election of Senator Logan, and furnishes many cogent reasons why he fairly deserves the support of all the Republicans in the state. Indeed, we have not yet seen anything to indicate that Gen. Logan will not receive the hearty support of the party generally. It looks as though it would be a difficult matter to elect any Republican, the legislature being a tie on joint ballot, but if any Republican is chosen it ought to be Logan. He is entitled to our respect and confidence now, more than ever before. He made a most remarkable canvass in the last campaign, and won friends wherever he went. He is needed in the senate now more than ever, and the Republicans of Illinois ought to labor as one man to secure his election.

Buy your coal of George Ehrhart, telephone 139.

TRADESMEN'S TROUBLE

The River Miners of Pennsylvania Being Led Into a Bad Scrape by Agitators.

Eight Hundred Men Thrown Out of Employment by a Sudden Suspension—Mills Stopped at Cleveland.

Big Pay of Journeymen Hatters—Striking Shoemakers—Closing for the Holidays—Labor Notes.

River Miners on a Strike
PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 21.—A river coal miners' strike was inaugurated yesterday by the diggers in a number of pits notifying the operators that they would not return to work until the price of mining was increased from 2 1/2 to 3 cents per bushel in the first, second and third pools. The majority of the miners worked yesterday, but with the exception of a few pits, which have not been heard from, they have all notified the operators that they will not return to work on Monday unless the advance is granted. President Costello and several other agitators have been at work for several days along the river and it is thought the demand will be almost unanimous. Some of the diggers in the second pool and some in the fourth, it is said, have expressed a willingness to continue work. They are in almost destitute circumstances, and have made no preparations for winter. Many of them have not worked but about six weeks for the last half year. These men have been persuaded to promise to stand out with the majority and the probabilities are that they will do so. The operators say positively that they will not pay the advance, and many were very much surprised on receiving the notice that their men were going to demand it.

A meeting of the Coal Exchange was held to take action in regard to the matter. It was largely attended. They decided not only to refuse the demands of the miners, but also to refuse to load for any small operator who would pay more than the present rate. The operators who have stores along the river notified their managers not to sell any more goods to miners on credit. In the fourth pool the diggers in many instances are behind with their rent and have been given notice, through officers of the law, to pay.

A Heavy Failure
SHARON, Pa., December 21.—The firm of P. I. Kimberly & Co., operating the Atlantic Iron Works, suspended payment at noon yesterday. It being pay day, probably from \$10,000 to \$20,000 were required to pay the hands, and this amount could not be raised. When running full turn 800 men were employed and the failure is a serious blow to the town. At the present time a drastic report as to the assets and liabilities can be obtained. In Brainerd's report the firm is valued at \$1,000,000 with credit very good, largely at the local banks. The answer that they were not paid by the suspension. Late yesterday afternoon no papers had been filed against the company at Meigs.

This firm was thought to be a staunchest in the valley, and the failure was an entire surprise. The suspension is supposed to be due to the excessive dollar value of the mill shut down yesterday afternoon but it is the general opinion that the embarrassment is only temporary, and that the employees will agree to an extension and work will be resumed probably next week.

Mills Stopped at Cleveland
CLEVELAND, O., December 21.—Yesterday afternoon the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company posted a notice informing the workmen that five departments of their extensive works in the Twentieth Ward will be closed until further notice. The mills closed are the rail, bar, guide and two steel works. The announcement was a surprise to several hundred men employed in those departments, as they had no previous knowledge of the shut-down. President Chisholm, the only man who has authority to talk for the company, is not in the city. It is impossible, therefore, to learn whether the suspension is only temporary or not.

Pay of Journeymen Hatters
SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., December 21.—The hat manufacturers, in a statement regarding the present strike, say among the men who refuse to work, or are hindered from working, are nine men, who received \$1,300 each last year, two who received \$1,400, one \$1,820, one \$1,900 and one \$2,300. One firm during the year ended July 1, paid to eight hatters and seven curriers an average of \$1,820. The fact is submitted that workmen earning such wages can stand a reduction of ten per cent without being pauperized.

Closing for the Holidays
PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 21.—Last evening a number of iron mills and factories in this city closed down for the usual holiday suspension. They will resume operations after the New Year.

After a Delay
BRIEFING, O., December 21.—The Springfield Iron Works, which have been closed down for some time, will resume in all departments next Monday.

Moving Mills
PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 21.—After an idleness of several months the steel works of Hunsley Howe & Co. will start up to-morrow.

THE POOR OF CLEVELAND.
Sixteen Thousand Families Without Food or Fuel.

CLEVELAND, O., December 22.—The work of caring for the destitute people of Cleveland during the winter threatens to become a serious burden to the city. Thousands of men are out of employment, and hundreds of families are on the verge of absolute starvation.

the general situation being far worse than ever existed in Cleveland before. According to the reports thus far received by the charitable organizations, 1,600 families are absolutely destitute, without fuel, food or adequate clothing. Besides these, who must be cared for entirely at the city's expense, the number of families requiring partial aid will swell the figures to alarming proportions. Already measures are being taken to meet this demand, and next week there will be benefit performances at the theatres, and the press will start a subscription to aid the City Government, as it will hardly prove equal to the emergency without help.

Disastrous Fire.
New York, December 22.—Nearly all the oil tanks and several of the refinery buildings and docks connected with Pratt's Astral Oil Works on Newton Creek, Hunter's Point, opposite this city on Long Island, were burned yesterday afternoon. The fire originated in the explosion of one of the tanks. The burning oil overflowed into the creek which became a running stream of fire and communicated the flames to the other tanks and buildings. The intense heat drove the firemen from within working distance of the fire. All the engines that could be spared from Brooklyn and New York were sent to the scene, as well as the fire boat of the harbor. Up to a late hour last night the burning oil still shot up a column of fire that was visible for miles in every direction. The loss is estimated at \$500,000, which is understood to be insured under blanket policies of the Standard Oil Company.

A Missing Minister
New York, December 22.—It has just been learned that the members of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in Brooklyn, have for two weeks past been greatly disturbed over the disappearance of their pastor, the Rev. J. R. Thompson. He has not been heard from since December 8th. He is a member of the church for several years, and was greatly esteemed. He is thirty-two years old, and his wife and four children live in Brooklyn. On December 8th he sent word to his wife from New York that he was going to attend the conference in Baltimore. He did not appear in Baltimore, and his friends think that while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, caused by overwork, he has gone to Europe. They have had Pinkerton's detectives at work in the case.

Charley Ross Found Again.
ROCKY HILL, Pa., December 22.—Officer Isaac Lazarus has captured a boy who is supposed to be the original Charley Ross. Afted about fifteen years of age went into the real estate office of Hurst & Moody yesterday morning and applied for a situation, but as he could not or would not give any information concerning himself or where he came from until questioned by a detective, he was taken in charge by Officer Lazarus, who after wards heard his true history, which so corresponded with that of the lost Charley Ross that the officer has taken him home and telegraphed to Mr. Ross to come on immediately to identify his lost boy.

Chicagoans All
CHICAGO, Ill., December 22.—Some days in the United States (and July) indeed, in all men, residents of Chicago, for having made fraudulent entries in Brown County, N. D., of the same name, took up their residence in the territory. The entries were made in the name of the Chicagoans, and the Chicagoans are now in the territory. The Chicagoans are now in the territory. The Chicagoans are now in the territory.

Shot His Friend and Took Poison
WAXAHACHIE, Tex., December 22.—An accidental shooting occurred yesterday on the farm of A. O. Finley, seven miles north of Waxahachie. Two young men, named respectively Geo. Wain and Angell, were handling what they supposed to be an old Union K. pistol. Geo. Wain slipped and the weapon was discharged, sending a bullet through Angell's head, inflicting a mortal wound. In his fight and fury, Geo. Wain ran home and swallowed, with suicidal intent, a teaspoonful of morphine, and will no doubt die before morning.

Bound, Gagged and Robbed.
WHITING, W. Va., December 23.—At four o'clock yesterday morning six masked men entered Henry Workenour's house, in a suburb of this city, and after gagging the three members of the family, secured four thousand dollars from an old trunk and escaped. Before the robbers were beyond the bonds of the citizens were much excited over the affair.

Many Wrecks on the Eastern Coast.
PROVINCETOWN, Mass., December 22.—Two three-masted schooners from Portland went ashore in Saturday night's heavy storm in the harbor. The crews were taken off safe, after very difficult and gallant work by the life-saving corps. The vessels will be total wrecks. The severe weather of the last two days has caused many wrecks on the Eastern coast.

Minister Frozen Almost to Death
BATTLEBORO, Vt., December 21.—Rev. Oregon Smith, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Wilmington, was found frozen in the highway. He left here Saturday morning for Wilmington, to preach. Sunday and it is supposed was overcome by the extreme cold. His recovery is improbable.

Boston's Revenue
BOSTON, Mass., December 22.—The Herald prints a long list of Boston heavy taxpayers and gives many interesting statistics concerning the city's revenue. In municipal taxation, tax warrants for 1884 called for \$11,298,869, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the preceding year. The rate of taxation is \$17 on \$100,000, or \$1.50 higher than ever before fixed since Boston was founded.

A Cold Wave
ST. PAUL, Minn., December 21.—A heavy snow-storm set in this afternoon, and several inches of snow have fallen. The temperature is rapidly falling, and the signal officer says it will probably be twenty-five degrees below before morning.

The reports of county clerks as received at Springfield by the Illinois Department of Agriculture show that the acreage of corn in Macou county for 1884 as returned by assessors, was 124,176 average yield per acre, 33 bushels, total yield, 4,158,688 bushels. In DeWitt county, acreage 79,813, average, 30, total yield, 2,394,390. In McLean county, acreage 237,439, average 23, total yield, 5,460,497. In Logan, acreage 162,177, average, 18, total yield, 2,919,186. In Piatt, acreage 60,706, average 20, total yield, 1,214,120. The average yield for the state is 33 bushels per acre, which exceeds the yield per acre of any year since 1872, except 1875 and 1879. The aggregate corn crop of the state for 1884 is 207,556,662 bushels, and exceeds the crops of the three preceding years by 20,000,000 to 30,000,000. The average price of a bushel of corn in first hands is reported to be 29 cents. Corn has not ruled as low in this state since 1869, except in 1861, 1862, 1872, 1877 and 1878. The farmers at the present price will realize but \$50,300,153 for the late crop. This is the smallest return to the producer of any corn crop grown in the state during the last twenty years except the crops of 1863, 1872, 1873 and 1878.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!
To Day—To Morrow—Next Day

I am bound to close out my entire stock of Christmas goods at almost any price. Now is your time to secure the greatest bargains ever offered in Decatur. My stock consists of fine books, photographs and autograph albums, plush toilet cases and work boxes, genuine oil paint tugs, 22x30, in fine gilt frames, only \$2.50 each, and the finest line of children's Christmas books and Christmas cards in the city, all of which will be sold at almost one half price. Remember the place and secure bargains at my New Book Store, No. 640 East Eldorado street, 22d St. R. N. HUGHSON.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.
General Passenger Department.
CHICAGO, December 15, 1884.
A Grand Excursion to California via New Orleans and the World's Exposition will leave Chicago on Thursday January 15th. This is a grand tour of unparalleled interest and attraction. For full particulars apply to A. H. HANSON, General Passenger Agent, 116 R. R. Chicago or George W. Kerr, General Tourist Agent, 31 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 22d St.

Notice
All shoes now in stock must be closed out by Jan. 1st. In order to do it I will make extra low prices for the next few days. January 1st I will open up an entire new stock of boots and shoes in the building between Cole's drug store and Henry Lyons grocery, on Merchant street. J. W. BAKER.

Don't let me down
Gents: Genuine Alligator French Kid. Lined Christmas Slippers. Also many other stylish slippers at 25 per cent less than heretofore sold. Beautiful French trimmings for ladies' dress slippers—make your old ones like new for small cost. Ladies' skating shoes are the correct thing to wear in the rink. Will keep the ankle from turning to be found only at REYNOLDS & HAWORTH.

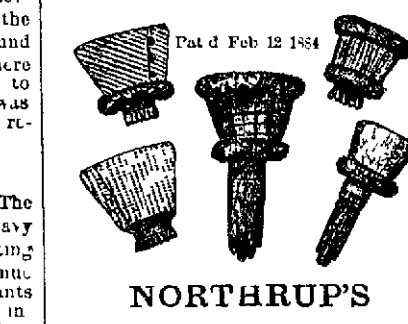
Do you want to find the place where they don't allow any one to undersell them on their goods? fine holiday goods or any other class, go to the City Book Store. 122d St.

These are Solid Facts
The best blood purifier and system regulator ever placed within the reach of sickening humanity, truly is Electric Bitters. Inactivity of the Liver, Biliousness, Jaundice, Constipation, Weak Kidneys, or any disease of the urinary organs, or whover requires an appetizer, tonic or mild stimulant, will always find Electric Bitters the best and only certain cure known. They act surely and quickly, every bottle guaranteed to give entire satisfaction or money refunded. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by Swearingen & Hubbard. 4a

WANTED, LOST, FOUND, &c.
[Notices in this column, of five lines or less, will be inserted one week for 25 cents, payable in advance.]

FOUND
By the undersigned, No. 1316 East North street on Dec. 21st a low heavy suit coat. The owner can recover for at the above number by proving property and paying charges. COL. MATHIAS 22d St.

GO TO
JOHN IRWIN'S
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Turtle Driving Cuffs with Wristlets Combined, for Ladies and Gentle men Walking or Driving.
A NEW INVENTION, and the only one preventing Cold Air from Circulating up the Sleeve when Driving. No buttoning, no bother, they are drawn on in an instant and can be worn with any style of a Glove or Mitt.
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We have to-day REDUCED the following goods:

Light Cloakings.		Black and Brown Chin chilla.	
\$2.00	to \$1.00	\$5.00	to \$3.00
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3.50	to 2.00	6.00	to 3.75
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Black Beaver.		Black Plush.	
\$1.75	to \$1.25	\$3.00	to \$2.00
3.50	to 2.00	4.00	to 3.00
4.00	to 2.50	Seal Plush.	
5.00	to 3.00	\$ 9.00	to \$6.00
6.00	to 4.00	12.00	to 8.00
6.50	to 4.25	15.00	to 10.00

These are all below manufacturer's cost, and one needing Cloaking or Overcoating will do well to take advantage of this sale.

Our stock of Flannels, Cloaks and Blankets is perfect and at Lower Prices than ever shown in Decatur.

F. L. HAYS & CO.

AGENTS BAZAR PATTERNS.

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WE WILL MAKE SWEEPING REDUCTIONS

IN ALL GRADES OF

Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry, Silverware and all Fancy Goods.

We have too many goods on hand, and if low prices will be an inducement to buyers, we are determined to dispose of them.

Do not buy one dollar's worth of goods in our line until you have seen our stock and prices.

W. R. ABBOTT & CO., JEWELERS.

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Whatever is left in our stock in the above goods is of the very best styles and high quality—Children's, Misses and Ladies'.

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Prices will be made 50 per cent below real value. Somebody is going to get

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Lieutenant Greely has promised his wife that he will never go to the Arctic regions again.

—Barney Gallagher, who was clerk in the last Nevada State Senate, and has held several county offices in Elko, Nev., has gone crazy from cigarette smoking.

—It will perhaps surprise many to learn that Blondin, the rope walker, is still active, and that, despite his years and occasional twinges of lumbago, he hates a netting. —*The Century.*

—Martin Farquhar Tupper is living in extreme poverty in London. Old in years, declining in health, the author of "Proverbial Philosophy" lives deprived of the luxuries and not a few of the necessities of life.

—The will of the late Carrie J. Welton, of Waterbury, Conn., (who left the bulk of her fortune to Mr. Bergh's society), gives seven thousand dollars for a horse and cattle drinking fountain to be built on the green in that town. —*Hartford Post.*

—Dr. G. Johnson lately told the British Medical Association of a patient of his, fifty-five years old, who had lived upon milk diet for five years. He took a gallon of milk a day, but not a particle of any other food. This treatment cured him of Bright's disease.

—There lives near Dahlonga a family of people who have eyes scarcely larger than a pea, and so small is the opening between the lids that a person a few feet off can't detect whether they are open or closed. It is stated that they can't see at all at night. They are known far and near as the little-eyed Howards. —*Atlanta Constitution.*

—The Mehdi is a radical total abstinence man, even to coffee and tobacco, which he won't even allow in his camp. In fact, he lately gave a refugee one hundred and fifty lashes for smoking a cigarette. But he makes up for this by having thirty-nine wives, and keeps within the letter of the Mahometan law, which allows only four wives at a time, by an ingenious system of temporary divorce, by which he always has thirty-five spare wives in waiting.

—Miss Nancy Collett, who died in Louisville, Ky., the other day, aged ninety years, had for twenty-five years been the sole occupant of a well-known mansion in that city. So quiet was she in her movements that for years the house in which she lived was thought to be uninhabited, and has long been called the "haunted house." She was a woman of peculiar character, and spent her time in religious exercises and knitting and quilting. —*Chicago Times.*

—Every one knows the story of a gentleman's asking Lord North who that "frightful woman was," and his Lordship's answering, "That is my wife." The other, to repair his blunder, said: "I did not mean her, but that monster next to her." "O," said Lord North, "that monster is my daughter." With this story Frederick Robinson, in his usual absent, enthusiastic way, was one day entertaining a lady whom he sat next to at dinner, and lo! the lady was Lady Charlotte Lindsay—the monster in question.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

—Mother to three-year-old, out for a walk, after tea: "See the full moon, Mabel!" Mabel—(Suffering from satiation): "Has the moon had supper, too?" —*Current.*

—"I thought you told me you didn't use tobacco." "I don't." "But you are pulling a cigar now." "Yes, but that's only a live-center. No tobacco in it." —*Indianapolis Journal.*

—"What do our daughters need?" asks a writer. Well, we have come to the conclusion that they need about everything under the sun—except bread. —*Burlington Free Press.*

—Russian salad is just now a fashionable dish. It is very much like the proverbial boarding house hash—there is everything in it. Result: A profound mystery. —*Philadelphia Record.*

—"Curious, isn't it?" remarked Mrs. Bascom. "Here I've been reading these 'Notes on Husbandry,' regularly over since we subscribed to the Farmer, and they haven't said one word, so far as I can see, about husbands' or matrimony either." —*Burlington Free Press.*

—"Doubtful flattery," Doctor—"You see, wife, dear, I have pulled my patient through, after all. A very critical case, I can tell you." His wife—"Yes, dear hubby; but then you are so clever in your profession. Ah, if I had only known you five years earlier I feel certain my first husband—my poor Thomas—would have been saved." —*Il Pungolo.*

—A stupid young man, supposed to be crack-brained, who was slighted by the girls, very modestly asked a young lady "if she would let him spend the evening with her." "No," she angrily replied, "that's what I won't." "Why," replied he, "you needn't be so fussy. I didn't mean this evening, but some stormy one, when I can't go anywhere else." —*N. Y. News.*

—"Yes, this is a very old dog," said a spinster to a man who took an active part in the canine harvest, "and we should hate very much to have him caught on the street and locked up. I am very much attached to him, for I used to carry him in my arms when he was a little puppy." "Do you say, miss, that he is a very old dog and that you carried—?" "Oh!" she broke in, recollecting that she had compromised herself, "I mean that he—he used to be old when I was a little—I mean that mother used—go on away from here or I'll set the dog on you!" —*Arkansas Traveler.*

—A party of Corn-Planter Indians went to a point in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, not long ago, and returned with a good supply of native lead. They have known the locality for a hundred years, but refuse to reveal it, and have always covered up their tracks successfully. —*Pittsburgh Post.*

—A Texas editor ran for a county office at the last election. He got only 236 votes. Referring to this he says: "We have 759 subscribers in the county, and the only way we can explain is that the 523 who didn't vote for us were afraid we would leave the newspaper if we were elected." There's conceit for you. —*Chicago Herald.*

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Until the First of January,
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China Gold Band Tea Sets, \$9.50, worth \$13.00.

Elegant Parlor Hanging Lamps, \$2.60.

Solid Nickel Tea Spoons, 65 cents per set.

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These Spoons will wear better than plated goods, and keep their beautiful white color as long as the spoon lasts.

Carving Knives and Forks.

Table Knives and Forks as low as 60 cents per set.

Child's Sets (knife, fork and spoon) silver plated, 40 cents per set—less than half the usual price.

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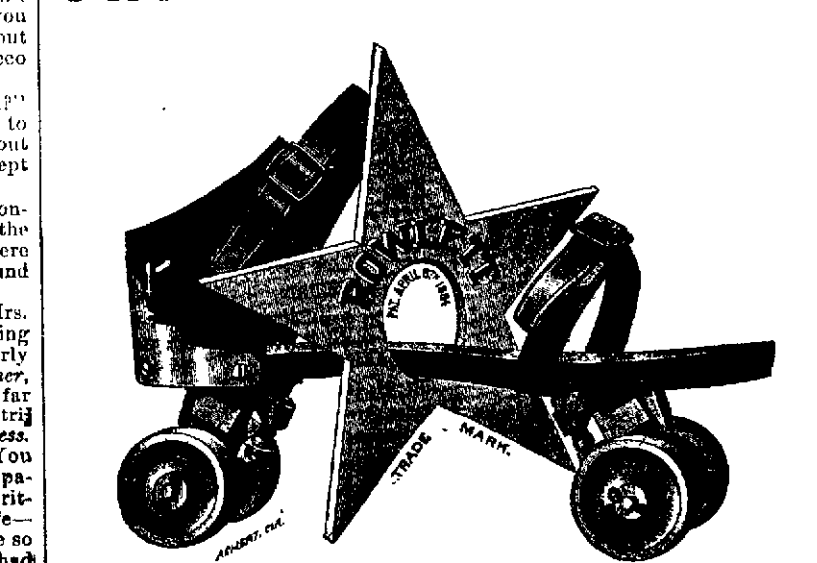
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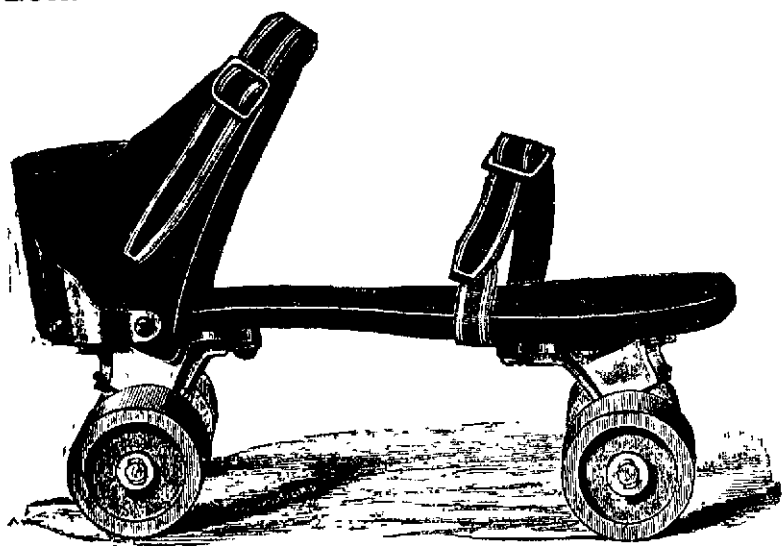
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CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1884. Judge O. B. Smith Presiding.

MONDAY, DEC. 22.
Court convened at 11 a. m.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Henry Conlin vs. Joseph Robinson and Washington Linder; injunction. Stricken. It is U. Williams et al. vs. A. J. Stoner et al; foreclosure. Stricken.
E. Harpette vs. John Dinneen et al; foreclosure. Proof of publication made, and rule to answer by 23d.
John P. Holmes vs. Margaret Holmes and E. N. Holmes; chancery. D. Hutchinson appointed guardian ad litem, and rule made to answer cross bill by Jan. 5.
D. C. Kretzer vs. S. A. Beamon et al; foreclosure. Leave to make administrator party complainant.
Elias Dunkel vs. The Geyer Man'g Co.; chancery. Leave to amend bill.

COMMON LAW DOCKET.
Serenia M. Holmes vs. John P. Holmes, assumpsit. Motion by defendant to the plea of statute of limitations overruled, and leave to defend. At to amend bill of particulars.
Kipale Brothers vs. Patrick Ward, assumpsit. Trial by jury, pending.

TWO DELIGHTFUL OPERAS

Big Holiday Matinee Saturday, Dec. 27.

The now famous opera, "The Little Duke," is to be given at the opera house for matinee at 2 o'clock, and the beautiful opera "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief," at night, by Gran's New York Opera Co. This will be the event of the holidays. Look out for a big matinee.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Swearingen & Hubbard (old) daily.

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The Decatur Coal company would inform the citizens of Decatur who desire to use Decatur coal that they cannot get it by ordering it of R. McClelland, E. L. Martin, or F. D. Caldwell, as the coal company do not any longer sell them coal, not for personal reasons, but because they are the agents of other coal shipped here from other mines. Order direct from the shaft or leave orders at Armstrong's drug store in the city. Mr. I. O. Eymann will collect orders for Decatur coal. 18 d1w

No use trying to beat the inducements offered by L. L. Ferriss & Co. at their popular shoe store. They sell more Boots and Shoes and carry a larger stock than all the other shoe stores in Decatur combined. Their goods are the best, prices the lowest, and customers receive gentlemanly treatment. jun19wt

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Bring in your bean tickets before the last day of December. dec10-d4wt FERGUSON & DILLERUNT.

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A large assortment of Men's Christmas Shippers, cheap, at H. B. BAKER & BAKER'S. dec10 d2w

NOVELTIES in Smoking Jackets for Christmas presents at B. Stine's. d4wt

Christmas Trees, 2 to 18 feet high, at Friends Creek Nursery, and adjoining Linn & Scruggs, Decatur, Fridays and Saturdays. Order early. Stock for Spring of 1885 for sale at Decatur, as usual. dec10-d4wlmw S. BONHAM.

A Remarkable Escape.
Mrs. Mary A. Dailey, of Tunkhannock Pa., was afflicted for six years with Asthma and Bronchitis, during which time the best physicians could give no relief. Her life was despaired of, until in last October she procured a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, when immediate relief was felt, and by continuing its use for a short time she was completely cured gaining in flesh 50 pounds, in a few months.

Free Trial Bottles of this certain cure of all Throat and Lung Disease at Swearingen & Hubbard's Drug store. Large Size \$1.00. 4a

Oyster Supper and Festival.

There will be an oyster supper and festival at the Illini Congregational Church, given by the Illini Brass Band, on New Year's day, at 7 o'clock. Admission, free. Come, everybody. wit H. M. BATCHELDER, Sec'y.

If you want an excelsior diary for 1885, go to the City Book Store. d22d2 tw.

REMEMBER that the City Book Store has the largest variety of Christmas cards, and more of them, at lower prices than elsewhere in the city. d22d2tw

Notice.

In order to reduce our immense stock of Boots and Shoes by January 1st, we will offer great inducements to customers to come in at once and buy either for cash or on 30 days' time. L. L. FERRISS & Co. Nov. 19-d4wt

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13 Parlor Suits, \$45 and upward.
30 Bed Room Sets, \$19 and up.
40 Upholstered Easy Chairs and Rockers, \$7.50 and up.
50 Rattan Chairs and Rockers, \$4.50 and up.
35 Large Cane Seat and Back Rockers, \$2.40.
24 Sewing and Nurse Chairs, \$1.65.
Book Case and Secretary, \$19.
Large Wardrobes, \$11.50.
Mirrors, 20 per cent off.
Oil Paintings, 50 per cent. off.
Ladies' Writing Desks, Music Stands, Bible Stands, Marble Top Centre Tables, Hall Stands and Hat Racks.
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For \$5 we will sell you a genuine English Kersey, worth \$15 at any other dealer's.

For \$3.50 you can buy a genuine all wool Chinchilla Overcoat, worth elsewhere \$13.50.

A fine English Melton for \$6.25, worth \$18.

\$5 for a genuine Worsted Overcoat worth \$15; only 12 of them left.

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